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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary
4 of the McLean County Boys High School Basketball Tournament;
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6 WHEREAS, The McLean County Boys High School Basketball
7 Tournament is the oldest running basketball tournament in the
8 State of Illinois; it has been an annual highlight over the
9 years, with the exception of 1933; and

10 WHEREAS, The first tournament was held at the Bloomington
11 YMCA and culminated in a Lexington High School victory over
12 LeRoy; the tournament was originated by the McLean County
13 Principals Association and was managed by Lloyd Eyer of the
14 YMCA; and

15 WHEREAS, The tournament features all 13 schools in the
16 Heart of Illinois Conference, including Blue Ridge, Deer
17 Creek-Mackinaw, Tri-Valley, Fieldcrest, El Paso-Gridley,
18 Fisher, Flanagan, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley, Heyworth, LeRoy,
19 Lexington, Ridgeview, and Tremont; and

20 WHEREAS, The McLean County Traveling Trophy is an important
21 part of the tournament, created by former Pantagraph

1 sportswriter Charlie Driver in the 1930s; the trophy symbolizes
2 the passion of the game, the emotion of the sport, and the
3 grand history of the Tournament; and

4 WHEREAS, The 2011 Tournament is the twelfth to be held at
5 Illinois Wesleyan University's Shirk Center after 23 years at
6 the Fred Young Fieldhouse; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we congratulate the many participants that will be on hand for
10 the McLean County Boys High School Basketball Tournament on
11 January 22, 2011 and hope the Tournament continues to entertain
12 for years to come; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the organizers of the McLean County Boys High
15 School Basketball Tournament as a symbol of our respect and
16 esteem.